

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued November 2, 2004, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Norden-Paul et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,410,704 (Norden-Paul). Claims 4-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Norden-Paul.

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The present invention is not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, the references relied upon in the Office Action, as the prior art references do not disclose or suggest the claimed features of the present invention.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention according to claims 1-3 is not anticipated by Norden-Paul. Norden-Paul discloses a data processing system in which data is entered and validated. For example, at col. 7, lines 38-48, Norden-Paul discloses that, in operation, objects are entered through input device 112 to the forms manager. This input is checked and stored in database 116 for the particular patient. When a form is to be displayed, forms manager 111 obtains a list of objects to be displayed. One source of objects is application program 114. The forms manager then retrieves the display tiles associated with the objects from database 115. The data to be placed in the tiles is then obtained from database 116. Using these inputs, forms manager 111 develops a form which is displayed on display 113. Thus, Norden-Paul discloses

entry of objects into a database, and display of a form including display tiles into which data is placed.

Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest monitoring data values entered into said one data entry field, and dynamically altering the data entry form and the display of the data entry form based on the entered data values. Rather, Norden-Paul discloses entering objects (objects are entered through input device 112 to the forms manager), checking and storing the input (This input is checked and stored in database 116 for the particular patient.), obtaining a list of objects to be displayed (When a form is to be displayed, forms manager 111 obtains a list of objects to be displayed.), retrieving display tiles associated with the objects (The forms manager then retrieves the display tiles associated with the objects from database 115.), obtaining the data to be placed in the tiles (The data to be placed in the tiles is then obtained from database 116.), and forming the display (Using these inputs, forms manager 111 develops a form which is displayed on display 113.). None of this discloses or suggests monitoring data values entered into said one data entry field, and dynamically altering the data entry form and the display of the data entry form based on the entered data values.

Therefore, the present invention according to claim 1, and according to claim 3, which is similar to claim 1, and according to claim 2, which depends from claim 1, is not anticipated by Norden-Paul.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 4-15 are allowable over Norden-Paul because even if Norden-Paul were

modified as suggested by the Examiner, the result would not be the present invention, as claimed. As discussed above, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest monitoring data values entered into said one data entry field, comparing said data value with said prestored data values for that data entry field and, if a match is found, displaying a corresponding further data entry field according to the stored attribute data. None of the modifications to Norden-Paul suggested by the Examiner cure the deficiencies of Norden-Paul with respect to this required element of the present invention.

Therefore, the present invention, according to claims 4-15, is not obvious over Norden-Paul.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is allowable over the references relied upon in the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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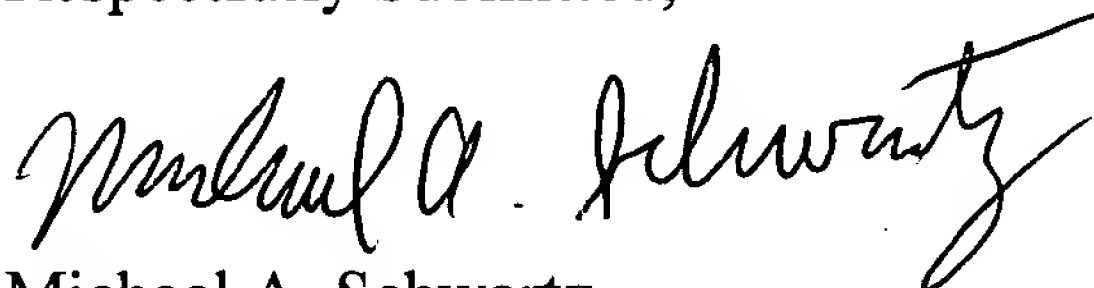
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0057).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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